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FOR USE AT MEETING SCHEDULED PER PARA 11(C) OF REFTTEL, DEPT  
IS TRANSMITTING FOLLOWING DRAFT USG COMMENTS ON ILC DRAFT  
ARTICLES.

BEGIN TEXT. COMMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
ON THE DRAFT ARTICLES ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT  
OF CRIMES AGAINST DIPLOMATIC AGENTS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL-  
ALLY PROTECTED PERSONS.

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THE CASES OF MURDER, KIDNAPPING AND ASSAULTING OF DIPLOMATS AND THE ATTACKS UPON DIPLOMATIC PREMISES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE SHORT TIME SINCE THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION SUBMITTED THE DRAFT ARTICLES ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST DIPLOMATIC AGENTS AND OTHER INTERNATIONUTLY PROTECTED PERSONS TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAVE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE IMPERATIVE NECESSITY FOR THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO ADOPT MEASURES THAT WILL PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION AMONG STATES AND PRESERVATION OF THE NORMAL METHODS OF CONDUCTING INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES. A GREAT COOPERATIVE EFFORT IS NEEDED TO PUT AN END TO BLOODY AND WANTON ATTACKS UPON INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS.

THE COMMISSION' S DRAFT ARTICLES PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS FOR THAT COOPERATIVE EFFORT.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE DRAFT ARTICLES THEMSELVES AS WELL AS THE COMMENTS MADE REGARDING THEM IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION. ON THE BASIS OF THIS REVIEW, WHILE WE OF COURSE READY TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS FOR TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS, WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT BOTH THE OVERALL APPROACH AND CONTENT OF THE DRAFT ARTICLES ARE SOUND AND WORKABLE. WE CONSIDER THAT THE DRAFT ARTICLES SHOULD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMETABLE ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2926 ( XXVII), BE FINALIZED BY THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTY- EIGHTH SESSION. END TEXT  
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